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Challenging Maths Word Problems

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- Step-by-step solutions provided



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Preface

101 Must-Know Challenging Maths Word Problems Book 1 presents word problems that test on important concepts so students can learn to apply general mathematical problem-solving strategies and heuristics confidently.

What's in this book?

This book comprises word problems often encountered by students in their tests and examinations. The questions are categorized into respective topics in accordance with the current **Primary Mathematics Syllabus**.

Solutions

Detailed step-by-step workings are included in the answer key for every question to show how a problem is solved. Diagrams and mathematical models are provided in most solutions to aid students in understanding the problem-solving processes.



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Question Tom has 18 oranges. Mary has 17 oranges. How many oranges do they have altogether?

> oranges altogether. They have _

Question Peter has 24 stickers. Jane has 9 stickers more than him. How many stickers do they have altogether?

They have ______ stickers altogether.

Question

Mr Adam has some eggs. He sells 24 eggs in the morning and 10 eggs in the afternoon. He has 25 eggs left. How many eggs does he have at first?

He has

_ eggs at first.



There are 8 boys and 6 girls in class A and 12 students in class B. How many students are there in the two classes?

There are _________ students in the two classes.



Peter has some paperclips. He uses 15 of them and gives 6 paperclips to his sister. He has 17 paperclips left. How many paperclips does he have at first?

He has _____ paperclips at first.



Tom has 28 balloons. Jim has 23 balloons more than him. How many balloons do they have altogether?

They have _

____ balloons altogether.



Question Ann has some apples. She sells 28 apples and has 15 apples left. How many apples does she have at first?

> apples at first. She has _



Question John buys 21 yellow paperclips and 10 more green paperclips than yellow paperclips. Sean buys 15 paperclips more than John. How many paperclips does Sean buy?

> Sean buys _ _____ paperclips.

Question

There are 11 green balls in a basket. Peter puts 15 orange balls and 21 purple balls into the basket. How many balls are there in the basket altogether?

There are balls in the basket altogether.



Question A florist sells 26 orchids, 32 carnations and 18 roses. How many flowers does she sell altogether?

> She sells flowers altogether.



There are 9 apples in a basket. Another 12 red apples and 16 green apples are put into the basket. How many apples are there altogether?

There are _____ apples altogether.



Jack sells 24 charity tickets. He sells 17 charity tickets fewer than Mary. How many charity tickets do they sell altogether?

They sell charity tickets altogether.



Question A shirt costs \$41. A pair of pants costs \$12 more than the shirt. How much do the shirt and the pair of pants cost altogether?



The shirt and the pair of pants cost \$______ altogether.



Question A magazine costs \$5 more than a book. The magazine costs \$9. What is the cost of 3 such books?

The cost of 3 such books is \$ ____



Jack has 26 balloons. Linda has 55 balloons. How many more balloons must Jack buy so that he will have the same number of balloons as Linda?

Jack must buy_____ more balloons.



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When a number is subtracted from another, the answer is 12. If the bigger number is 17, what is the smaller number?

The smaller number is _____



Mr Cook buys 17 tickets for a concert. He gives 5 tickets to his friends and uses the rest of the tickets to take his family to the concert. How many people are there in Mr Cook's family?

There are ______ people in Mr Cook's family.

Question

Alice has 23 stamps. She gives her mother 15 stamps. How many stamps does she have in the end?

She has .

stamps in the end.

Question 13 more than a number is 38. What is the number?

The number is _____

Question

There are 72 people at a party. 20 of them are children and the rest are adults. How many more adults than children are there?

There are _____ more adults than children.

Question

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There are 38 soldiers in a field. 15 of them wear green uniforms and the rest wear brown uniforms. How many more soldiers wear brown uniforms than green uniforms?

more soldiers wear brown uniforms than green uniforms.



When two numbers are added together, the answer is 30. If one of the numbers is 12, what is the other number?

The other number is _____



Question A watch and a clock cost \$68 at a sale. The watch costs \$39. How much more does the watch cost than the clock?

The watch costs \$ _____ more than the clock.



Jim has \$80. Linda has \$36. How much more money does Jim have than Linda?

Jim has \$ ____

more than Linda.





Mary buys a toaster for \$38. She gives the cashier \$50. How much change does she get?

She gets \$_____ in change.



Tim has \$95. He spends \$26 and saves the rest of his money. How much does he save?

He saves \$_____



There are 8 boy scouts in a group. Each boy scout has 3 badges. How many badges do they have altogether?

They have _

badges altogether.



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Peter drinks 2 glasses of milk a day. How many glasses of milk does he drink in a week?

He drinks ______ glasses of milk in a week.



Alice puts 8 stamps on every page of her stamp album. There are 5 pages in her album. How many stamps does she have altogether?

She has ______ stamps altogether.



There are 6 flowers in a bouquet. Betty buys 3 such bouquets. How many flowers does she buy altogether?

She buys

flowers altogether.





Mrs Wood bakes 18 cakes. She puts them equally into 3 boxes. How many cakes are there in each box?

There are _____ cakes in each box.

Question

Andrew reads 4 pages of a book a day. How many days will he take to finish reading a 32-page book?

He will take _____ days to finish reading a 32-page book.

Question

Mr Cook buys a dozen eggs. He puts them equally into 4 bags. How many eggs are there in each bag?

There are ______ eggs in each bag.



A packet of tomatoes costs \$2. Mrs Fay has \$10. How many packets of tomatoes can she buy with all her money?

She can buy _____ packets of tomatoes with all her money.



Mrs Drew buys 30 sweets. She gives 12 sweets to her daughter and 15 sweets to her son. How many sweets has she left?

She has ______ sweets left.



There are 22 flowers in a vase. 9 of them are red, 6 are yellow and the rest are pink. How many pink flowers are there in the vase?

There are

pink flowers in the vase.





Mrs Jones bakes 35 cookies. There are 8 butter cookies, some chocolate chip cookies and 12 coconut cookies. How many chocolate chip cookies does she bake?

She bakes ______ chocolate chip cookies.



Mrs Drew bakes 16 apple pies and 28 lemon pies on Monday. On Tuesday, she bakes 12 lemon pies. How many more lemon pies than apple pies does she bake in the end?

She bakes _____ more lemon pies than apple pies.

Question



There are 20 boys and 10 girls in class A. There are 18 boys and 24 girls in class B. How many fewer girls than boys are there in both classes altogether?

There are

fewer girls than boys altogether.





There are 34 peanuts and 12 walnuts on a plate. After Tom has eaten some of the nuts, there are 17 nuts left. How many nuts does Tom eat?

Tom eats ______ nuts.



Joe has some marbles. He receives 18 marbles from his father and 13 marbles from his brother. He has 40 marbles in the end. How many marbles does he have at first?

He has _____ marbles at first.



When 12 is added to a number, the result is 2 more than 31. What is the number?

The number is .



Question A farmer has 34 eggs. He throws away 8 rotten eggs and sells 7 eggs. He keeps the rest. How many more eggs does he keep than sell?

> more eggs than the number of eggs he He keeps sells.

Question

There are 54 pages in a book. Mary reads 13 pages on Monday and 8 pages on Tuesday. How many pages are not read yet?

pages are not read yet.

Question



There are 18 boys and 21 girls in a field. A teacher has 31 balls. She gives each of them a ball. How many children will not have a ball?

children will not have a ball.



Peter scores 45 points in a game. Alex scores 6 points fewer than him. How many points do they score altogether?

They score ______ points altogether.



There are 26 batteries in a box. Thomas uses 7 batteries for his toy car and 12 batteries for a torch. How many batteries are left in the box?

batteries are left in the box.

Question

Jack, Anna and Tom have 70 marbles. Jack has 24 marbles. Anna has 12 marbles more than him. How many marbles does Tom have?

Tom has _

marbles.



There are 38 roses in a vase. 12 of them are red, 10 are pink and the rest are white. How many white roses are there?

There are _____ white roses.



Mr Smith wants to buy 60 pieces of fruit. He buys 18 apples and 19 bananas at the market. How many more pieces of fruit does he need to buy?

He needs to buy _____ more pieces of fruit.



There are 26 boys and 15 girls in a class. 17 children wear spectacles. How many children do not wear spectacles?

children do not wear spectacles.





Mrs Owen has 20 cookies. She gives 7 cookies each to her two friends. How many cookies has she left?

She has _____ cookies left.



Jane has 35 stickers. She gives 12 stickers to Sam. William gives Jane 13 stickers. How many stickers does Jane have in the end?

Jane has _______ stickers in the end.



There are 45 books on a shelf. 12 of them are English books, 7 are science books and the rest are mathematics books. How many mathematics books are there?

There are

mathematics books.



There are 54 pink ribbons in a box. There are 15 fewer red ribbons than pink ribbons in the box. How many ribbons are there altogether?

There are ______ ribbons altogether.



There are 40 fish in a tank. 16 of them are orange, 11 are red and the rest are white. How many white fish are there?

There are ______ white fish.



There are 26 red apples and 12 green apples in box A. There are 20 red apples and 10 green apples in box B. How many more apples are there in box A than in box B?

There are

more apples in box A than in box B.



Joel has some toy cars. His mother gives him 18 toy cars and his father gives him another 8 toy cars. He has 41 toy cars altogether. How many toy cars does he have at first?

He has _____ toy cars at first.



Peter has \$20. He spends \$4 on Monday and \$8 on Tuesday. How much has he left?

He has \$_____ left.



Tom has 28 toy aeroplanes. 12 of them are red, 5 are green and the rest are blue. How many more blue toy aeroplanes than green toy aeroplanes does he have?

He has _____ more blue toy aeroplanes than green toy aeroplanes.





There are 35 adults and 28 children at a party. After 3 men and 17 girls leave the party, how many people are left at the party?

There are _____ people left.



A dinner costs \$100. Mr William pays \$35, Mr Jackson pays \$40 and Mr Lee pays the rest. How much does Mr Lee pay?

Mr Lee pays \$ _____



There are 80 students in an art competition. 15 of them are in Primary 1, 12 are in Primary 2 and the rest are in Primary 3. What is the total number of Primary 1 and Primary 3 students in the competition?

The total number of Primary 1 and Primary 3 students in the competition is _____



Ben has \$30. He spends \$5 on food, \$9 on books and some on stationery. He has \$8 left. How much does he spend on stationery?

He spends \$_____ on stationery.

Question 65 John has \$7. Betty has \$2 more than John. Peter has \$6 less than Betty. How much do they have altogether?

They have **\$_____** altogether.



An apple costs 60 cents. An orange costs 20 cents less than the apple. A pear costs 40 cents more than the orange. How much does the pear cost?

The pear costs ____

cents.



A dress costs \$24. It costs \$16 more than a blouse. What is the total cost of the dress and the blouse?

The total cost of the dress and the blouse is \$_____



There are 46 orchids in a vase. There are 28 more orchids than roses in the vase. How many flowers are there altogether?

There are ______ flowers altogether.



A photo album contains 24 photographs. Jack takes out 8 photographs and puts in 15 new ones. How many photographs are in the photo album in the end?

There are ______ photographs in the photo album in the end.



There are 14 pink flowers and 12 red flowers in a shop. 7 flowers are sold. How many flowers are left?

There are ______ flowers left.

Question

There are 3 red pens and 2 blue pens in a box. How many pens are there in 5 such boxes?

There are _____ pens in 5 such boxes.



Mrs Rice has 3 boxes of cookies. There are 5 cookies in each box. Her friend gives her another 12 cookies. How many cookies does Mrs Rice have altogether?

Mrs Rice has

cookies altogether.





In a hall, there are 3 rows of children. There are 7 children in each row. Another 5 children arrive at the hall. How many children are there altogether?

There are ______ children altogether.



There are 4 bags of oranges. Each bag has 8 oranges. There are 3 bags of apples. Each bag has 5 apples. How many pieces of fruit are there altogether?

There are _____ pieces of fruit altogether.

Question



Mr Baker buys some eggs. He cooks 12 of them, throws away 6 rotten ones and packs the rest into 2 bags. Each bag has 3 eggs. How many eggs does he have at first?

He has _

eggs at first.



There are 5 blue crayons and 6 purple crayons in a box. There are 3 boxes. How many crayons are there altogether?

There are _____ crayons altogether.



Mr Bell has 18 apples. He shares the apples equally with his 2 friends. How many apples does each of them get?

Each of them gets _____ apples.



Ben has 8 coins. Lucy has 4 coins. They divide their coins equally between themselves. How many coins does each of them get?

Each of them gets _____ coins.

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There are 12 chicken eggs and 6 quail eggs in a basket. All the eggs are packed equally into 3 packets. How many eggs are there in each packet?

There are ______ eggs in each packet.

Question

2 books cost \$10 and 3 pens cost \$6. How much does Peter spend if he buys a book and a pen?

Peter spends \$______ if he buys a book and a pen.

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There are 11 children in a room. 3 of them do not have hats. The rest of the children have 2 hats each. How many hats do they have altogether?

They have _____ hats altogether.







Mrs Taylor has 10 boxes of egg tarts. There are 4 egg tarts in a box. She gives 6 boxes of egg tarts to her friends. How many egg tarts has Mrs Taylor left?

Mrs Taylor has _____ egg tarts left.



There are 7 bunches of balloons. Each bunch has 3 balloons. 15 of the balloons are green and the rest are blue. How many blue balloons are there?

There are _____ blue balloons.



A pencil costs 90 cents. An eraser costs 60 cents less. Jim wants to buy 3 erasers. How much does he have to pay?

He has to pay -

_ cents for 3 erasers.

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Peter has \$20. He buys a vase for \$11. The cashier gives him a five-dollar note and some two-dollar notes in change. How many two-dollar notes does the cashier give him?

The cashier gives him ______ two-dollar notes.



Alice packs 12 buns equally into 3 bags. In each bag, there are 1 raisin bun and some butter buns. How many butter buns are there in each bag?

There are _____ butter buns in each bag.



Mary has 12 apples. George has 6 apples. How many apples must Mary give to George so that they have an equal number of apples?

Mary must give George _____ apples.


Daniel has 40 stickers. Kate has 22 stickers. How many stickers must Daniel give to Kate so that they have equal number of stickers?

He must give Kate ______ stickers.



Peter has 90 cents in his wallet. He has 5 ten-cent coins and some twenty-cent coins. How many twenty-cent coins does he have?

He has ______ twenty-cent coins.



There are 20 marbles in a bag. Sam divides them equally into 4 groups. How many marbles are there in 2 such groups?

There are _

marbles in 2 such groups.



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There are 6 oranges in a bag. A bag of oranges costs \$3. Mrs Cook has \$15. How many oranges can she buy altogether?

She can buy ______ oranges altogether.



- Mrs Scoff has some cookies. She buys 15 cookies. She has 65 cookies in the end.
- (a) How many cookies does she have at first?
- (b) How many cookies does she have altogether if she buys another 25 cookies?
- (a) She has _____ cookies at first.
- (b) She has _____ cookies altogether.



Mr Adam spends \$70 on a belt and saves the rest of his money. If he saves \$12,

- (a) how much more does he spend than save?
- (b) how much money does he have at first?

- (a) He spends \$ _____ more than he saves.
- (b) He has \$ _____ at first.



- A plate costs \$8 more than a bowl. If the plate costs \$23,
 - (a) how much does the bowl cost?
 - (b) what is the total cost of the plate and the bowl?

- (a) The bowl costs \$____
- (b) The total cost of the plate and the bowl is \$_____



- There are 40 chickens and 13 ducks on a farm. The farmer buys another 14 chickens.
 - (a) How many more chickens than ducks are there on the farm?
 - (b) How many chickens and ducks are there altogether?

(a)	There are	more o	chickens	than	ducks	on	the
	farm.						
b)	There are	chicker	ns and di	icks a	ltogeth	her.	



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Solutions

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Method 1 :

Draw diagrams and count the total number of oranges

	Count the objects
Tom	
Mary	00 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28
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Method 2:

Use number bonds to find the total number of oranges



They have 35 oranges altogether.

Solution to Question



Method 1:

Draw diagrams and count the total number of stickers



Method 2 :

24

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Step 1 : Use 'counting on' method to find the number of stickers Jane has



9

33

=

Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number of stickers they have altogether



They have 57 stickers altogether.

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the total number of eggs he has sold



Step 2 : Use 'counting on' method to find the number of eggs he has at first



Solution to Question

4

Method 1:

Draw diagrams and count the number of students



Method 2:

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the number of students in class A



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number of students in the two classes





There are <u>26</u> students in the two classes.

He has 59 eggs at first.

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Method 1 :

Draw diagrams and count the total number of paperclips

5



Method 2 :

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the number of paperclips he has used and given away



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number of paperclips he has at first



He has 38 paperclips at first.

Solution to Question

Step 1 : Draw diagrams and count the balloons



Step 2: Use 'counting on' method to find the number of balloons Jim has



Step 3 : Use number bonds to find the number of balloons they have altogether



They have 79 balloons altogether.

Method 1:

Draw diagrams and count the total number of apples



Method 2:

Use number bonds to find the total number of apples at first



Solution to Question

Step 1 : Use 'counting on' method to find the number of green paperclips John has



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the total number of paperclips John has



Step 3 : Use number bonds to find the number of paperclips Sean has



Sean buys 67 paperclips.

She has <u>43</u> apples at first.

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Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the total number of balls he puts into the basket



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the total number of balls in the basket



There are 47 balls in the basket altogether.

Solution to Question

10

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the total number of two types of flowers



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the total number of three types of flowers



She sells <u>76</u> flowers altogether.

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the

number of apples that are put into the basket



Solution to Question

Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the total number of apples in the basket



12

There are 37 apples altogether.

Solution to Question

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the number of charity tickets Mary has sold



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the total number of charity tickets they have sold



They sell 65 charity tickets altogether.

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Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the cost of a pair of pants

13

14



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the total cost of the shirt and the pair of pants



The shirt and the pair of pants cost \$<u>94</u> altogether.

Solution to Question



Step 2 : Use repeated addition to find the cost of 3 such books



The cost of 3 such books is \$12.

Solution to Question



Use number bonds to find how many more balloons Jack must buy



Jack must buy 29 more balloons.

Solution to Question



Use number bonds to find the smaller number



The smaller number is 5.

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Method 1 :

Draw diagrams and count the number of tickets left



Method 2:

Use number bonds to find the number of people in Mr Cook's family



Solution to Question

18

19

Method 1 :

Draw diagrams and count the total number of stamps



Method 2:

Use number bonds to find the number of stamps she has in the end





Solution to Question

Use number bonds to find the number



There are <u>12</u> people in Mr Cook's family.

The number is 25.

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the number of adults



20



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find how many more adults than children there are



Solution to Question

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the number of soldiers in brown uniforms



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find how many more soldiers wear brown uniforms than green uniforms



<u>8</u> more soldiers wear brown uniforms than green uniforms.

Solution to Question

Step 1 : Write down the number sentence

(12 + ? = 30)

18

22

Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number



12

_

The other number is 18.

30



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Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the cost of the clock

23



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find how much more the watch costs than the clock



The watch costs \$10 more than the clock.

Solution to Question

Use number bonds to find the amount

25

of change she gets



She gets \$12 in change.

Solution to Question



Use number bonds to find how much money Tim saves



Solution to Question 24

Use number bonds to find how much more money Jim has than Linda



Jim has <u>\$44</u> more than Linda.

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Method 1 :

Draw diagrams and count the number of badges altogether

Boy scouts



Method 2 :

Use repeated addition to find the number of badges

 $3 \div 3 = 24$

Solution to Question

Method 1:

Draw a table and count the num glasses of milk he drinks in a wee



Monday	99
Tuesday	99
Wednesday	99
Thursday	00
Friday	00
Saturday	00
Sunday	00

Method 2:

Use repeated addition to fin number of glasses of milk he dr a week

 $7 \times 2 = 14$

He drinks 14 glasses of milk in a

They have 24 badges altogether.

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Method 1 :

Draw diagrams to count the total number of stamps

79

30

18



40

Method 2:

Use repeated addition to find the total number of stamps she has



She has 40 stamps altogether.

Solution to Question

Method 1 :

Draw diagrams to count the total number of flowers

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Method 2 :

Use repeated addition to find the total number of flowers



She buys 18 flowers altogether.

Solution to Question



Draw diagrams and put 18 cakes into 3 equal groups





There are <u>6</u> cakes in each box.

Solution to Question



Draw diagrams and put 4 pages in one group



He will take <u>8</u> days to finish reading a 32-page book.



Draw diagrams to group the eggs into 4 bags equally

33



There are <u>3</u> eggs in each bag.

Solution to Question

Draw diagrams and circle 2 one-dollar coins to represent 1 packet

34



all her money.

35

Method 1:

Draw diagrams and count the number of sweets left

gives to daughter



Method 2:

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the number of sweets she gives away



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number of sweets she has left



She has <u>3</u> sweets left.

Method 1 :

Draw diagrams and group the flowers into different colours



Method 2 :

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the total number of red and yellow flowers



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number of pink flowers



There are 7 pink flowers in the vase.

Solution to Question

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the number of butter and coconut cookies



Step 2 : Use 'counting backwards' method to find the number of chocolate chip cookies



She bakes 15 chocolate chip cookies.

Solution to Question

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the total number of lemon pies she bakes

48



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find how many more lemon pies than apple pies there are



She bakes <u>24</u> more lemon pies than apple pies in the end.

Step 1 : Use 'counting on' method to find the total number of boys

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Step 2 : Use 'counting on' method to find the total number of girls



Step 3 : Use number bonds to find how many fewer girls than boys there are







Solution to Question

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the total number of nuts on the plate

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Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number of nuts Tom has eaten



Tom eats 29 nuts.

Solution to Question

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the total number of marbles he receives



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the total number of marbles he has at first



He has 9 marbles at first.

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Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the result





Step 2: Use number bonds to find the number



The number is 21.

Solution to Question





Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number of eggs he has thrown and sold



Step 3 : Use number bonds to find the number of eggs he has kept



Step 4 : Use number bonds to find how many more eggs he has kept than sold



He keeps <u>12</u> more eggs than the number of eggs he sells.





Step 1 : Use 'counting on' method to find the total number of pages she has read on both days



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number of pages that are not read yet



33 pages are not read yet.

Solution to Question



Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the total number of children



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number of children who will not have a ball



8 children will not have a ball.

Solution to Question

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the points scored by Alex



Step 2: Use number bonds to find the total points scored by both boys



They score <u>84</u> points altogether.

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Method 1:

Draw diagrams to count the number of batteries left



Method 2:

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the total number of batteries he has used



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number of batteries left in the box



7 batteries are left in the box.

Solution to Question



Step 1 : Draw a table

Jack	24
Anna	12 + 24
Tom	?
Total	70

Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number of marbles Anna has



Step 3 : Use number bonds to find the number of marbles Jack and Anna have



Step 4 : Use number bonds to find the number of marbles Tom has



Tom has 10 marbles.

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Step 1 : Use 'counting on' method to find the number of red and pink roses



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number of white roses



There are 16 white roses.

Solution to Question

50

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the number of pieces of fruit he has bought at the market



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number of pieces of fruit he needs to buy



He needs to buy 23 more pieces of fruit.

Solution to Question

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the number of children in the class



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number of children who do not wear spectacles



24 children do not wear spectacles.

Method 1:

Draw diagrams to find the number of cookies left

52



Method 2 :

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the total number of cookies she has given away



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number of cookies she has left



She has <u>6</u> cookies left.

Solution to Question

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the number of stickers Jane has left after giving 12 stickers to Sam



Step 2 : Use 'counting on' method to find the number of stickers Jane has after William has given her 13 stickers



Jane has <u>36</u> stickers in the end.

Solution to Question

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the total number of English and science books

54



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number of mathematics books



There are 26 mathematics books.





Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the number of red ribbons

55



Step 2: Use number bonds to find the number of red and pink ribbons



Solution to Question

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the number of orange and red fish

58



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number of white fish



There are 93 ribbons altogether.

There are <u>13</u> white fish.



Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the number of apples in box A



Step 2 : Use 'counting on' method to find the number of apples in box B



Step 3 : Use number bonds to find how many more apples there are in box A than in box B



Solution to Question

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the total number of toy cars given to him



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number of toy cars he has at first





There are $\underline{8}$ more apples in box A than in box B.

He has 15 toy cars at first.

Step 1 : Use 'counting on' method to find the amount of money he has spent on both days

-59



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the amount of money he has left



He has \$8 left.

Solution to Question

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the total number of red and green toy aeroplanes



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number of blue toy aeroplanes



Step 3 : Use number bonds to find how many more blue toy aeroplanes than green toy aeroplanes he has



He has <u>6</u> more blue toy aeroplanes than green toy aeroplanes.

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Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the total number of people at the party

61



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number of people who left the party



Step 3: Use number bonds to find the number of people left at the party



Step 1 : Use 'counting on' method to find the total amount of money paid by Mr William and Mr Jackson

62



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the amount of money paid by Mr Lee



There are 43 people left.

57

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Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the total number of Primary 1 and Primary 2 students

63



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number of Primary 3 students



Step 3 : Use number bonds to find the total number of Primary 1 and Primary 3 students



The total number of Primary 1 and Primary 3 students in the competition is 68.

Solution to Question



5 + 9 + 8 = 22

Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the amount of money he has spent on stationery



He spends \$8 on stationery.

Solution to Question

65

64

Step 1 : Use 'counting on' method to find the amount of money Betty has



Step 2 : Use 'counting backwards' method to find the amount of money Peter has



Step 3 : Add the amount of money they have altogether





Step 1 : Use 'counting backwards' method to find the cost of the orange

66



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the cost of the pear



Solution to Question

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the cost of the blouse

67



Step 2 : Find the total cost of the dress and the blouse



The pear costs 80 cents.

The total cost of the dress and the blouse is 32.



Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the number of roses

68



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the total number of flowers



Solution to Question

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the number of photographs in the album after 8 photographs are taken out

69.



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number of photographs in the album after 15 new photographs are put in



There are 64 flowers altogether.

There are <u>31</u> photographs in the photo album in the end.



Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the total number of flowers

70



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number of flowers left



There are <u>19</u> flowers left.

Solution to Question



12

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the number of pens in a box



Step 2 : Use repeated addition to find the number of pens in 5 boxes



5 (+) 5 (+) 5 (+) 5 = 25

There are <u>25</u> pens in 5 such boxes.

Solution to Question

Step 1 : Use repeated addition to find the number of cookies in 3 boxes



Step 2: Use number bonds to find the number of cookies she has altogether



Mrs Rice has <u>27</u> cookies altogether.

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Step 1 : Draw diagrams and use repeated addition to find the total number of children in 3 rows

73



- $3 \times 7 = 21$ 7 + 7 + 7 = 21
- Step 2 : Use 'counting on' method to find the total number of children after 5 more children arrived at the hall



Solution to Question

Step 1 : Draw diagrams

Step 2: Use repeated addition to find the total number of oranges



Step 3 : Use repeated addition to find the total number of apples



Step 4 : Use number bonds to find the total number of pieces of fruit



There are <u>47</u> pieces of fruit altogether.

There are <u>26</u> children altogether.

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Step 1 : Use repeated addition to find the number of eggs in 2 bags

75



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number of eggs that he has cooked and thrown away



Step 3 : Use number bonds to find the total number of eggs he has at first



Solution to Question

- 76
- Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the number of crayons in a box



Step 2 : Draw diagrams



He has 24 eggs at first.

There are <u>33</u> crayons altogether.

101 Must-Know Challenging Maths Word Problems Book 1 © Singapore Asia Publishers Pte Ltd Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the total number of people sharing the apples

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Step 2: Draw a table to group the apples into 3 sets

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Solution to Question

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the total number of coins





Step 2: Draw diagrams to find the number of coins each of them gets



78







Each of them gets 6 coins.

Each of them gets 6 apples.

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12

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Step 1 : Use 'counting on' method to find the total number of eggs

79

18



6

Step 2 : Draw diagrams and put the 18 eggs into 3 groups



3 groups of 6 = 18



Solution to Question

Step 1 : Draw diagrams to find the cost of 1 book and 1 pen

80



A book costs \$5.



A pen costs \$2.

Step 2 : Use 'counting on' method to find the total cost of a book and a pen





There are <u>6</u> eggs in each packet.

Peter spends \$<u>7</u> if he buys a book and a pen.





Method 1 :

Draw diagrams to find the total number of hats



Method 2:

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the number of children with hats



Step 2 : Use repeated addition to find the total number of hats



Solution to Question

Method 1:

Draw diagrams to find the number of balloons left



Method 2:

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the number of packets of balloons left



Step 2 : Use repeated addition to find the number of balloons left



She has 10 balloons left.

They have 16 hats altogether.

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Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the cost of a chocolate cake

83



Step 2: Use repeated addition to find the cost of 2 such chocolate cakes



Solution to Question

Step 1 : Use repeated addition to find the total number of oranges



14

9 + 9 + 9 + 9 = 36

Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the total number of oranges left



2 such chocolate cakes cost \$16.

He has 21 oranges left.





She collects \$12 from selling the orchids.

The cost of the table is \$34.

Method 1:

Draw diagrams to find the number of buns left

87



Method 2:

Step 1 : Subtract the number of buns eaten by each child



Step 2 : Use repeated addition to find the number of buns left





Solution to Question

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the number of boxes of egg tarts she has left

88





Step 2 : Use repeated addition to find the number of egg tarts she has left



There are <u>12</u> buns left.

Mrs Taylor has 16 egg tarts left.

Step 1 : Use repeated addition to find the total number of balloons

89



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number of blue balloons



Solution to Question

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the cost of an eraser

90.



Step 2 : Draw diagrams to find the cost of 3 erasers



There are 6 blue balloons.

He has to pay <u>90</u> cents for 3 erasers.



Step 1 : Use number bonds to find the amount of change he gets

91



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the amount of money in two-dollar notes



Step 3 : Draw diagrams to find the number of two-dollar notes





Solution to Question

Step 1 : Draw diagrams to find the number of buns in one bag







Step 2 : Use number bonds to find the number of butter buns in each bag





The cashier gives him <u>2</u> two-dollar notes.

There are <u>3</u> butter buns in each bag.



Step 1 : Draw diagrams to find how many more apples Mary has than George

93

Mary



George



12 - 6 = 6





Step 3 : Draw diagrams to check if the answer is correct

Mary



George



Mary must give George <u>3</u> apples.

Solution to Question

Step 1 : Use number bonds to find how many more stickers Daniel has than Kate



Step 2 : Divide to find how many stickers Daniel has to give to Kate



<u>9</u>4

2 groups of 9 = 18



He must give Kate <u>9</u> stickers.



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(a) Use number bonds to find the cost of the bowl

100



- (a) The bowl costs \$15.
- (b) Use number bonds to find the total cost of the plate and the bowl



(b) The total cost of the plate and the bowl is \$<u>38</u>.

Solution to Question

(a) Step 1 : Use 'counting on' method to find the total number of chickens

101



Step 2 : Use number bonds to find how many more chickens than ducks there are



- 54 13 = 41
- (a) There are 41 more chickens than ducks on the farm.
- (b) Use number bonds to find the total number of chickens and ducks



(b) There are <u>67</u> chickens and ducks altogether.

